

Arizona motor carrier officers strive to gain compliance with state and federal commercial vehicle regulations vehicles through education and enforcement. Please contact us with questions about safety.

We encourage carriers to check their safety profiles on a regular basis. For questions about obtaining a copy of your profile, call 602-223-2324 or email your request to mlbrown@azdps.gov



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Commercial Vehicles

Arizona Motor Carrier Regulations



**Who is Affected
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Who is affected by Commercial Vehicle Regulations?

All interstate carriers, drivers or vehicles to which the Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations apply, as well as all intrastate carriers and drivers who operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 18,001 pounds or more, transporting property of passengers in the furtherance of any commercial enterprise, private or for hire and vehicles with a GVWR of 10,001 pounds or more used in interstate commerce. This also includes vehicles with a GVWR of 18,000 pounds or less transporting hazardous materials that require placarding and certain transportation of passengers for hire.

Who is required to have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL)?

All drivers operating a motor vehicle or a combination of motor vehicles having a gross combined weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds and/or is towing a unit with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds; OR is used to transport passengers (including school buses) or any vehicle that is used to transport hazardous materials that is required to be placarded.

For the purpose of a CDL, what does Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) mean?

GVWR is the weight assigned by the vehicle manufacturer to a vehicle that represents the maximum recommended total weight, which includes vehicle and load. GVWR is often found on the manufacturer's spec. plate on the vehicle body. It is recommended that a vehicle not be registered for more than the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating.

How do vehicles have to be marked?

All interstate, intrastate and hazardous materials carriers must have a USDOT number. Vehicles must display the company name and USDOT number on both sides of each power unit per 390.21 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

What are the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and where can they be found?

Parts 390 through 393 and parts 395 through 399 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, Title 49, CFR. Regulation books can be obtained at truck stops and from the Arizona Motor Transport Association. They are also available on the web at www.fmcsa.dot.gov

What do these laws require of the motor carrier?

Generally, these laws require you to be familiar with the regulations; employ qualified drivers; have safe, operable equipment on your vehicles and use them as prescribed; make certain equipment mandatory on the vehicles; limit drivers' hours of service; and set standards for inspection.

Is there a difference between the Arizona and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Materials Regulations?

No. The hazardous material regulations are the same. There are only small differences in the safety regulations. If you comply with the federal regulations, you will be in compliance with Arizona regulations.

Where are the financial responsibilities found?

Arizona Revised Statutes §28-4135 — There are various limits for different types of operations. Proof of financial responsibility must be carried in the vehicle.

What regulations pertain to hazardous materials?

Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations parts 171 through 178 — These regulations apply to transporters, shippers, and other persons involved with hazardous materials.

What do these laws require of the motor carrier?

When conducting roadside inspections, officers will check all parts and accessories necessary for the safe operation of vehicles and will ensure that drivers are properly licensed and have all necessary vehicle paperwork, log books, and inspection books. Items checked with be light systems, tires, wheel, suspension and axle systems, brake systems, steering components, fuel tanks, frame members, body components, coupling devices, safety equipment, and load-securing equipment.

What happens when a vehicle is found in violation?

This depends upon the severity of the violations. If the violation is a serious nature, the driver of the vehicle may be issued a traffic citation and the officer will place an out-of-service sticker on the vehicle. The vehicle must be repaired before being operated again. If the violation is of a less serious nature, the driver may be issued a traffic citation and will be allowed to return the vehicle to the equipment yard or a repair facility.

When violations are discovered, the driver will be given a copy of the written Driver Vehicle Inspection Report. A driver declared "out-of-service" shall not operate a commercial motor vehicle until such time as the driver is eligible to drive again. The driver may be issued a traffic citation for the out-of-service violation.

What responsibilities does the motor carrier have after an inspection?

If defects have been documented on the Driver-Vehicle Inspection Report, the carrier must mail proof of repair to the Arizona Department of Public safety within 15 days of the inspection as instructed on the inspection report. This is required even if the carrier or driver go to court on citations written during inspection.